(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Survey for Opening Retail Outlets in U.P.

2361. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey of Almora and Pithoragarh districts of U.P. with a view to opening more retails outlets keeping in view the present consumption of petroleum products in these areas;

(b) whether any proposal to allot LPG agencies to educated unemployed youth is also under consideration of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no separate reservation for unemployed youths.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of Fertilizers to Madhya Pradesh

2362. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the varieties of fertilizers sought by Madhya Pradesh for Kharif and Rabi seasons during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of fertilizers supplied to Madhya Pradesh so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the farmers in Madhya Pradesh are supplied adequatity of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the demand, allocation and availability of fertilisers in NPK terms in Madhya Pradesh during Kharif, 1991 and so far in Rabi, 1991-92 is attached.

(c) The supply and availability of fertilisers is being monitored closely by Government of India, to take corrective steps wherever necessary, and no problem is anticipated in meeting the requirement of Madhya Pradesh.

Statement Showing Demand, Allocation and Availability of Various Fertilisers in Madhya Pradesh During Kharif 91 and Rabi 91-92.

(1000 tonnes)

Season	*Demand*	*ECA allocation*	*Availability during the season*
Kharif 91			
N	284.87	303.14	345.95
P	181.10	178.30	208.79
K	35.00	32.15	38.57
Total	500.97	513.59	593.31

Rabi 91-92 *(As on 31/10/91)*

N	250.03	277.21	108.47
P	182.00	178.20	88.53
K	18.00	20.52	12.00
Total	450.03	475.93	209.00

Exploration of Oil in Assam and Maharashtra

2363. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Maharashtra and Assam having oil-deposits and whether exploration work for oil is in progress; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b) In Assam oil deposits have been found at 35 places. However, in Maharashtra, so far, no deposit has been established. The exploration work is presently continuing in Assam

[English]

Under Ground Irrigation Potential

2364. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the under ground irrigation potential available and actually utilised in hectares, State-wise;

(b) the percentage of this potential tapped so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to allocate more funds to further encourage minor irrigation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The ultimate irrigation potential from ground water is 803.3 lakh hectares of which the potential created and utilised at the end of 7th Plan (1989-90) are 348 lakh hectares and 325 lakh hectares respectively. the State-wise details are given in the attached statement.

(b) The irrigation potential tapped up to the end of 7th Plan is about 43.3%

(c) and (d). The details of the Eighth Plan are yet to be finalised. However, emphasis is being laid on modernisation of old systems, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, people's participation in management of system etc. with a view to increase the levels of irrigation efficiency in the Irrigation Schemes.